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submitted by supplemental response. In accordance with the present response, the signed original fifth supplemental reissue declaration is enclosed.

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that an interference be declared with U.S. Patent Nos. 5,329,501 and 5,479,378 as proposed by the Examiner in the July 30, 1998 Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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